

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 951
By Winningham

A RESOLUTION to congratulate Joe Halfacre upon his induction into the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association Hall of Fame.

WHEREAS, the Tennessee General Assembly is pleased to specially honor and commend those citizens who, through unwavering dedication and unflagging commitment to excellence, have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy person is Joe Halfacre, who has devoted more than three decades to the education and instruction of young students and athletes in Tennessee; on March 20, 2004, Mr. Halfacre will be inducted into the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association Hall of Fame, a recognition most befitting of his outstanding service to Tennessee high schools; and

WHEREAS, after graduating from Jackson County High School in 1962, Joe Halfacre attended Tennessee Technological University, from which institution he received a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Management; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Halfacre commenced his illustrious coaching and teaching career at Fox Elementary School in Gainesboro in 1967, serving as the coach of the school's football team and girls' and boys' basketball teams; and

WHEREAS, in 1970, Joe Halfacre moved to Jackson County High School, where he served as head girls' basketball coach from 1970-1978, assistant football coach from 1970-1974, baseball umpire from 1970-1974, and business teacher; and

WHEREAS, during his time as head girls' basketball coach, Mr. Halfacre led his team to victory in five district championships in 1971, 1972, 1973, 1974, and 1975, two regional championships in 1973 and 1975, and the Class S State Championship in 1973; and

WHEREAS, after a brief hiatus from education from 1978-1981, during which time he pursued a career in banking, Coach Halfacre returned to Jackson County High School and ably led the girls' basketball team for five more years, until he retired from coaching in 1986; and

WHEREAS, during his sabbatical from coaching, Joe Halfacre served as the Athletic Director and Assistant Principal of Jackson County High School; and

WHEREAS, Coach Halfacre ended his retirement from coaching after only six years to revive the struggling boys' basketball team, which had won only five games throughout the previous two seasons; during his first season as the head coach, Mr. Halfacre led the Blue Devils to twenty victories, and, in 1996, the Blue Devils won a regional championship, thanks to the dedication and capable coaching abilities of Joe Halfacre; and

WHEREAS, at the conclusion of the 1996-1997 season, Coach Halfacre permanently retired from coaching, his impressive eighteen-year career as head basketball coach culminating in an overall record of 365 wins and 169 losses; currently, Mr. Halfacre serves as the Technology Coordinator for the Jackson County School System; and

WHEREAS, his impact upon this State and the Jackson County Schools has been justly honored not only by this current honor but also by his receipt of numerous awards and honors, including the *Tennessean's* Mid-State Girls' Coach of the Year in 1973, District Coach of the Year in 1974, 1975, and 1994, Coach of the TSSAA Girls' All-Star Team in 1973, and TACA's District Coach of the Year in 1994; and

WHEREAS, his professional and civic endeavors aside, Joe Halfacre has always maintained the highest family values and is most grateful for the love and companionship he shares with his wife, Joan; he is also the loving father of Jay; and

WHEREAS, for the above accomplishments, his impeccable moral standards, and impressive work ethic, Coach Joe Halfacre has been selected for induction into the TSSAA Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, Joe V. Halfacre, as a man of true character and commitment, exemplifies the type of selfless community servants and civic leaders whom fellow Tennesseans admire for their tireless efforts to mold the State's youth, guiding them with solid principles and high standards, whether on the athletic fields or in the classroom; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED
THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE
CONCURRING, that we join in celebrating the induction of Coach Joe V. Halfacre into the
Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association Hall of Fame, reflecting fondly upon his
substantial legacy as a teacher, coach, and community servant.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared
for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.